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In re Patent Application of)	Mail Stop AMENDMENT
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Application No.: 10/583,417)	Group Art Unit: 1793
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For: HIGHLY-STRUCTURED SILICA)	Confirmation No.: 3689
HAVING A LOW WATER UPTAKE,)	
PREPARATION METHOD THEREOF)	
AND USES OF THE SAME)	

FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of the listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed since it is no longer required.

Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report dated February 15, 2006, issued in connection with the corresponding International application, in which some of these documents were cited.

The documents are being submitted after a first Office Action on the merits but prior to the closing of prosecution, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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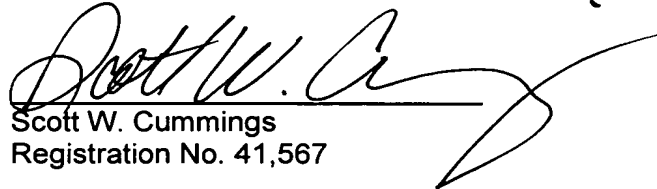
The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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